

VIENNA MUST MAKE DIRECT REPLY TO U.S.

Washington Will Not Tolerate Temporizing Over Answer to Ancona Note

NO QUESTION OF WAR

Diplomatic Break Will Not Cause More Serious Condition of Affairs

The severance of diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States looms on the diplomatic horizon as a strong possibility today.

Austria's reply to the Ancona note is now awaited by Secretary Lansing, and it is believed that the demand of the United States for a prompt reply will cause Vienna to answer within a week from the time the message was received at the Foreign Office.

Reports from Vienna indicate that Germany is putting strong pressure on its ally, urging that the demands of the United States be met. On the other hand, it is said that Austrian officials, backed by popular feeling, are inclined to temporize and have raised the issue that Austria is not supposed to have official information of the contents of the Lusitania note sent by Washington to Berlin, and which is referred to in the Ancona communication.

This attitude on the part of Vienna the State Department will not recognize, as it is maintained that all of the warring nations received official copies of the Lusitania note. Any quibbling by Vienna will lead to the prompt breaking off of diplomatic relations.

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona is regarded here as weak in one important point, which may deprive the note in general of its foundation.

The concern of the standpoint taken by the Austro-Hungarian Government should be familiar with the attitude of the American Government regarding the freedom of the seas, because President Wilson had explained this to the German Government, thus implying that Austria, as Germany's ally, should be acquainted with the principles laid down and desired by Washington.

Against this stand of Washington, the objection is raised in responsible quarters here that the Government has knowledge of the negotiations in the Lusitania case only through the German papers, that it could give to these reports no diplomatic value and that it has not concerned itself in any way with the Lusitania case.

It is pointed out by the same authority that the American Government can scarcely demand that the Imperial and Royal Government base its policy upon newspaper reports, and it is suggested that in any case it would have been better if Washington at the time had communicated the memorandum of its standpoint to all belligerent governments, in which case the present note would seem more justified.

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TUTTA LA SERBIA IN MANO DEI TEDESCHI

Gli Anglo-Francesi Hanno Ripiegato su Salonico—Nulla di Nuovo sull'Isonzo

Nulla di nuovo sul fronte di battaglia Italo-austriaco. Il generale Cadorna ancora semplicemente duelli di artiglieria sul fronte dell'Isonzo, ed il comunicato austriaco di Linia, a render noto che continua l'attività degli italiani in Val Giudicaria.

Nella Penisola Balcanica gli angio-francesi hanno dovuto completamente abbandonare il territorio della Serbia, che è tutto in mano dei bulgari e degli austro-tedeschi.

WEATHER

There is something more uncertain than the weather; and that is money. Time, flies and trains wait for all men, if they carry watches and keep an eye on them.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness and continued cold tonight, with lowest about 20 degrees; Thursday probably snow and somewhat warmer; moderate variable winds.

CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY AIM OF CHINA'S NEW EMPEROR

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—In the first public statement by Emperor Yuan Shi-Kai, cabled today to the United Press, the newly proclaimed monarch of China makes known to the world the dominating reasons for the abolition of the republic.

The Emperor also announces his future policy toward America and states his purpose to employ every effort to cement the friendship between the two nations.

Press dispatches from Peking had stated that Yuan Shi-Kai did not intend to assume the throne for some time, though he formally accepted the offer. In his message to the United Press, the Chinese ruler said he would "submit to the people's will" when the "necessary preparations" have been made.

The Emperor's cablegram follows:

To the United Press, New York: Your telegram has been translated and submitted to His Majesty's perusal. I am instructed to reply as follows:

The sovereignty of the Chinese republic resides in the whole body of the people. The conventions of the people's representatives, considering a republic unsuitable on account of historical reasons and public opinion, and wishing to establish permanent peace, have unanimously adopted a constitutional monarchy.

The status of State chief is naturally subject to public will. The acting Legislature has reported to me the same and stated that the provincial and district conventions of the people's representatives have unanimously elected me Emperor.

Firm refusal unavailing, I have been forced to submit to the people's will and have instructed the different Ministries and Departments to make preparations. The necessary preparations having been made, I will be requested to carry them out with due consideration.

The relations between China and America have always been most friendly and the monarchy's policy will be to cement still closer this friendship and to exert the utmost to promote the industrial and commercial developments of the two nations.

(Signed.) ADMIRAL TSAI-TING-KAN, Private Secretary.

The Chinese Emperor's statement to the United Press is the first information that the new monarchy is to be a constitutional monarchy.

BULGARS STOP AT GREEK LINE; TEUTONS CROSS

Ferdinand's Troops Held at Border by Pact Restricting Their Operations

ATHENS, Dec. 15.—Bulgarian troops have not entered Greece. Official denial of reports that the Bulgars had violated Greek neutrality was issued by the Foreign Office today.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—It is reported from Geneva that German troops have invaded Greece through the Vardar Valley in pursuit of the retreating French and British troops, but that the Bulgarians stopped at the Greek frontier.

Although the Bulgarian War Office announced officially that pursuit of the Anglo-French forces has ceased, it is persistently reported that some of Czar Ferdinand's troops have crossed the Greek frontier and are attacking the Allies on Greek soil.

Reports of the invasion of Greece by Bulgarian troops came from Salonica. One dispatch said Bulgarian troops had advanced southward across the border from Monastir.

If, as Sofia reports, the pursuit of the retreating Allies did stop at the Greek frontier, it was evidently the result of an agreement between Germany and Greece. Under common circumstances it would have been the best military policy for the German allies to continue the attack on the Greek frontier while the latter were in hasty retirement.

A telegram from Florina, south of Monastir, made no mention of such an invasion. The other report said the Bulgarians had crossed south of Giegliv, near Mayadara.

Greek military authorities thought these reports might have been started by excited civilians in Salonica, who, by excited civilians in Salonica, who.

FORD SHIP AT KIRKWALL PARTY MAY BE HELD UP

Port Where Naval Prizes Are Taken

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Henry Ford's peace ship, the liner Oscar II, arrived at Kirkwall, Scotland, this morning, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Kirkwall is the British naval base in the Orkneys where all naval prizes are taken. The foregoing dispatch indicates that the liner has been held up by the British authorities.

MARSHALL WILLING TO RUN

Will Accept Vice Presidency Renomination, if Tendered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Vice President Marshall is not a candidate for reelection, but he will accept the nomination if it is accorded him, he said today.

He called at the White House today, assured the President of his readiness to accept the nomination, and asked regarding rumors that he would give up political activities at the close of his present term.

"I cannot get out of public because I never have been in."

CARRIES A RABBIT'S FOOT



Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith takes great pride in this good luck emblem and mourns the fact that he didn't have it with him when he went to Washington to pull the Republican Convention here.

NO, IT WASN'T POLITICS THAT DID IT—IT WAS "KUNJER," LEFT BEHIND

City Lost Republican National Convention Because Mayor-elect Forgot His Rabbit Foot—Ah, Do Not Laugh! Read This

Chicago won the Republican National Convention because the "Kunjer" was in a suit pocket of a suit hanging in a wardrobe at 244 North Broad street.

LORD ALVERSTONE DIES; A STAUNCH FRIEND OF U. S.

His Vote Gave America Victory in the Alaskan Boundary Dispute

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Alverstone, former Lord Chief Justice of England and one of his country's most brilliant legal lights, died today at the age of 73 years.

Lord Alverstone was one of the most popular and many-sided men in British public life. While on circuit at Newcastle, in February, 1912, Lord Alverstone was seized with a serious heart attack and his continued ill health led to his resignation.

Tall, athletically modeled and vigorous, he was a splendid specimen of the old school of English gentlemen. At Cambridge, where the finishing touches were put to his education, he was noted as a distance runner, being, in fact, "the best runner of his time."

He came into prominence before the American public as the representative of England on the Alaskan Boundary Commission.

JUROR DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Served All Last Week in Criminal Branch, Municipal Court

Charles Houser, a carpenter, of 27 Cambria street, died today at his home of pneumonia.

Mr. Houser was drawn for jury service in the criminal branch of the Municipal Court and served all last week. On Sunday he became ill and was sent to court that he would be unable to serve as a juror for a few days.

QUICK NEWS

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER PRISONER OF WAR

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15.—Dr. Robert Barony, Nobel prize winner for research in connection with the human ear, who was formerly a specialist attached to the Royal Hospital, Vienna, is a Russian prisoner of war, according to Dr. Franklin E. Cutler, Cleveland physician, who has returned here from Vienna.

WILLARD-FULTON FIGHT ARTICLES SIGNED

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Articles for the Jess Willard-Fred Fulton bout at New Orleans, March 4, were signed this afternoon by Tom Andrews, representing the promoters; M. E. Collins, representing Fulton, and Tom Jones, Willard's manager. The bout will be for 20 rounds.

BOY-ED AND VON PAPAN GET SAFE CONDUCTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Great Britain has granted safe conduct to Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papan. The British Embassy notified the State Department this afternoon. The matter of safe conducts for their successors has not been taken up yet.

DEPUTY ASKS PROBE OF FRENCH ARMY CONTRACTS

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A demand for an official investigation into all army contracts was made in the Chamber of Deputies today by M. Sinyan, a former member of the French Cabinet. M. Sinyan declared that many contracts at the beginning of the war were loosely made.

TURK SHELLS DESTROY Foe's DEPOT AT STRAITS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15.—A block house and an ammunition depot of the Allies were destroyed by Turkish artillery in a new bombardment at the Dardanelles, according to official dispatches from the front.

BRITISH GET 500,000 RECRUITS IN WEEK

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Last week's rush to enroll brought in more than 500,000 recruits, according to the Evening News. The vote for another 1,000,000 men for the army which Premier Asquith intended to move tomorrow has been postponed until next week.

650,000 TURKS UNDER ARMS ON ALL FRONTS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, said that it was calculated that Turkey had 650,000 men in the field. This force, under certain circumstances, he added, might be increased to a million.

PRUSSIAN CASUALTY LISTS TOTAL 2,244,248

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 15.—Prussian casualty lists Nos. 330 to 359, according to the Rotterdamse Courant, contain the names of 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making the total 2,244,248. This total is exclusive of the names of 237 Bavarian, 310 Wurtembergian, 255 Saxonian and the naval and Turkish lists, says the newspapers.

AERIAL DUEL ENDS WHEN PLANES PLUNGE INTO SEA

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Flight Sublieutenant Graham, in an aeroplane with Flight Sublieutenant Ince as observer, while on patrol off the Belgian coast yesterday afternoon sighted a large German aeroplane and gave chase.

BRITAIN RAPIDLY FREEING CARGOES FROM GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Cargoes of German and Austrian goods, whose shipment to the United States was delayed by the British orders in council, are being released at the rate of eight and ten a day. Within a month, officials say, efforts of the State Department's foreign trade advisers will have freed all goods purchased before March, 1915.

60,000 CHINESE PROTEST RECOGNITION OF YUAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—An appeal to President Wilson not to recognize the Chinese monarchy has been mailed to Washington by Tong King Chong, president of the Chee Kung Tong, known as the Chinese Republic Association, which is said to have a membership of about 60,000 in the United States and 300,000 in North, Central and South America.

BERLIN DISCLAIMS PLOT FOR MEXICAN REVOLT

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The overseas News Agency has given out the following: "Official circles here disclaim any connection with activities of so-called German agents who, according to American and English press reports, are said to have tried to foment a new revolution in Mexico. The German Government, following the lead of the United States, more than a month ago, authorized the German Minister to Mexico to recognize Carranza as the head of the Government."

SWEDEN FEARS RUSSIA HAS HOSTILE PLANS

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The Swedish papers, says the Overseas News Agency, now express the opinion that the interruption of telegraph service between Sweden and Russia is connected with the concentration of Russian troops in Finland, near the Swedish frontier. The newspapers also consider the British demonstrations of a similar kind are probable, this impression apparently having been caused by Sweden's unwillingness to submit to Anglo-Russian control.

MILION DEAD IN ARMENIA, BRYCE REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Bryce has issued a further report on the Armenian atrocities. In this he gives the estimate of a competent observer, placing the destruction of life at nearly 1,000,000, virtually half the population of Armenia.

FIRE DESTROYS ALLIES' CORK

Mystery in Blaze Which Causes Several Thousand Dollars Loss on North Third Street

Dollars destroyed several thousand dollars' worth of cork goods, said to be intended for the Allies, at the plant of J. George Brueckman & Son, 123 North Third street.

Firemen, after hard fighting, succeeded in checking the blaze, which threatened to destroy the building. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The flames were discovered in a store-room on the third floor. The contents of this room and of another store-room on the fourth floor were destroyed. They consisted of cork stoppers. The stoppers and cork in bulk for manufacture into finished goods.

SAW DUST DISTILLERIES CAN'T USE MAILS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Postoffice Department today denied the use of the mails to Prof. Carl Von Hartelsfeldt, operating the Wood Waste Distilleries Company and Teddy's Laboratory, at Washington, N. Y. Von Hartelsfeldt admitted that he could make 25 gallons of denatured alcohol from a ton of sawdust. He had previously been convicted on a fraud charge.

LOST AND FOUND

BOSTON BRINDLE BULLDOG lost, a white, long-haired, black and white, with white feet, white nose and brown, green tail with black tip. Two small scars on head. \$100 reward. See Bulletin, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200.